

Boston, Nov. 10. 1861,

Dear friend Webb;

By the same ship which takes this letter - the Steamer Europa, to sail hence for Liverpool on Wednesday next, 13th, I forward to you a box of Antislavery publications. The box goes to care of S. R. Graves, to whom I send the Bill of Lading, and an Invoice of Contents, showing Value of the same to be £22.4.8; so that the box need not be opened at Liverpool to inspect Contents, though it very likely will be, notwithstanding. - I have always had a lurking hope that the your Customhouse authorities, when finding that the Contents of our humble box were only for gratuitous distribution, w^d. find some way of passing it duty free; but that hope I have abandoned, and suppose it is hardly reasonable to expect it of any Customhouse; although I believe you did obtain, after much trouble, a remission of duties on the books we sent for A. S. Libraries.

The box contains 150 copies of our lately published Annual Report, which I have called the "Anti-Slavery History of the John Brown Year". Perhaps you will think I have sent a needlessly large number of these Reports; but I (and we all) consider this one of the most important Reports & valuable documents we have ever published, and we much desire, just at this time, when the mind of England is turned upon this American question as never before, to place this Report in the hands of as many thinking men of your country as possible. Among them, please send copies to Hon. W. E. Foster of Bradford, and to Thos. Hughes Esq. - in both cases, if you please, "with respects of the Executive Committee". Indeed we give you our proxy to send the Report, as you think best, either in our Committee's name, or in your own individual name, or without any name. You will of course send to our faithful and long tried fellow-Abolitionists, and will doubtless remember such persons as Rev. Wm. H. Bourner, & Rev. Dr. Thoresby of London; Victor Schaleker; M. Jurguenoff in Paris; Robt. Henderson Esq. of Oakland, Walter W. Chaves; Dr. Guthrie of Edinburgh, & Dr. Ritchie, &c. &c. &c. The box next contains some 60 odd copies of C. K. Whipple's book on the "American Board & Slavery" - each addressed to person or Association; and 50 copies more, to be used at your discretion. Next, an assortment of our Tracts. And I have put in a copy of the volume of Gerrit Smith's Discourses, and "The Rejected Stone" by Rev. M. D. Conway, now of Cincinnati, - which you will please accept from us. Of course you will charge to us duties, & expenses incurred on the box; the freight, per Steamer, I prepay. I shall be glad to hear of its safe arrival.

The John Brown Life & Letters are now on our shelves, neatly bound, in a style closely resembling that of the copy you sent me; - saving that, to the lettering on the back, and under the title of the book, I have caused to be added the word, WEBB.

The box containing Mr Kim's copies will go to him tomorrow. Mr V. has promised me to write, for the Standard, a full notice of the book, as soon as his eyes will let him. They have just had a very successful Annual Meeting of their Society, to which Garrison went, much to their edification I understand, & greatly to his own enjoyment. - G. has today spoken in the Music Hall to an immense congregation, full of sympathy, on the state of the Country, stating the thorough Antislavery ground & doctrine. Boston is slowly recovering from the delirium tremens of mob violence and misrule, under which it staggered and reeled all last winter & Spring.

Whipple would like to have you get him the last Annual Report of any one of the Young Men's Christian Associations, which may contain a list of these Societies in the United Kingdom. He has had the loan of one, 2 years old, of the London Y. M. Ch. Assn. I presume that is the one which gives the completest lists.

I enclose, from Wendell Phillips, a lock of John Brown's hair. -

Depend upon it, if we ever thought of such formal (and certainly very proper) ways of doing things, our Committees would give to you, & Mrs. Webb, and Mary Estlin, unanimous votes of thanks, for the excellent service you have done the Cause in the "Life & Letters of John Brown." Perhaps they will bye & bye, when all have read the books.

I send a little memorandum from R. F. Wallcut, as to the account of Joseph Lupton - whose paper I have directed to be discontinued, as you wrote.

Not 164, but 162, copies of "J. B." came. The 2 over I have presented to Mrs. Lydia Maria Child, and James Redpath. - I stop, for a bad headache makes writing rather difficult. - My heartiest good wishes to your son Alfred and his new bride. My love to Richard, and may I not send

it, too, to both his parents? Surely I may, and I do.

Farewell! Will the Advocate stop? Prepared as we are, financially, here, I cannot offer to raise funds here for it; but we shall lose it, with much regret.

Oh! - I must just refer to the Circular letter which has lately been sent forth to Europe by a Committee of Ladies of the Antislavery Subscription Anniversary. The work of mailing the letter was in my hands. You will receive a copy, and will see, that, whatever Mrs. Chapman may think about it, the other ladies (generally) do not feel at liberty to discontinue this Anniversary. - Anne & Emma Weston have just returned home to Weymouth; their brothers came with them, Cass remains abroad. Ever truly your friend Saml. May Jr

P.S. Yr. of Oct. 13, was recd. Nov. 4th - My daughter's name is Adeline - we abridge it to Ad-e; she was greatly delighted at the thought of receiving a J.B. book from you. - Other portions of your note must go unanswered for the present. ~~Oh my dear!~~

Nov. 11. The box is at the Steamship office, and I have paid freight, & sent the Shipping Receipt to S. R. Graves.